through tele-link between the courts and the jails in Orissa is not available in the Department.

New law for registration of marriages

†2049. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a draft legislation for registration of marriages after amending the existing law;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the purpose of enacting this law and what would be its impact on the common man?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Computerization of Judiciary

2050. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that Government have initiated plans to spend Rs. 1000 crore to computerize judiciary across the nation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the computerization programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) An E-Committee has been constituted by Government to advise on technological communication and management related changes in the Indian Judiciary. The Committee has submitted its report on National Policy and Action Plan for implementation of Information and Communication Technology in the Indian Judiciary. It has estimated a sum of Rs. 854 crores to implement the project of computerization of entire judicial system of the country over a period of 5 years. Additionally, it may be stated that about 700 city courts in four metros have been computerized at a cost of Rs. 17.76 crores. A sum of Rs. 24.24 crores were provided in 2003-04 for computerization of 900 courts located in State Capitals. Government has also approved a scheme of computerization of District Courts at a cost of Rs. 384.53 crores in
2005:

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